

Corinth Planning Commission
September 4, 2013
Approved Minutes

Attending for the Commission: Holly Groschner (Chair), Susanne Smith, Dick Kelley, Linda Buonanduci, Bill Tobin, Russ Pazdro, Lynn Sciortino (Clerk).

Absent: Josh Gaetz

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes Kelley moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence

**The Commission received an informational letter from the state on the topic of "Existing Indirect Discharge of Sewage" soliciting feedback. (drinkingwater.vt.gov)

**The Commission received a draft of Zoning Bylaws from the town of Bradford.

A public hearing will be held on Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Bradford to present the proposed bylaws and collect feedback from the public. (www.bradford-vt.us)

Tobin expressed interest and agreed to attend the meeting and/or gather more information on the work that Bradford has done in revising their zoning bylaws.

**The Commission received word from Karen Galayda that Sacha Pealer, flood plain coordinator from the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation, will be leading a discussion on Flood Plain Management on Monday, Sept. 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Groschner agreed to attend.

**Groschner stated that she has sent a letter to Josh Gaetz regarding his membership on the Planning Commission.

**The Commission noted that since they are not able to review Bruce O'Meara's sketch plan at this meeting, a letter will be sent to Mr. O'Meara notifying him that it will be addressed at the October 2, 2013 meeting.

Flood Hazard Area Permit Application

**Buonanduci presented the proposed application form she has been working on. Discussion followed. It was decided that the language needed to reflect current regulations. Groschner and Buonanduci will revise the application form. Members approved a copy be sent to Karen Galayda upon completion.

**Groschner informed the members of a call she received from a Corinth resident,

Ms. Lyons, seeking information regarding a porch addition on a house located in a flood plain. Groschner will follow up with the homeowner, zoning administrator and the town clerk.

Flood Plain Regulations Draft (Town of Corinth Post Irene Version I)

The members reviewed a section of Smith and Buonanduci's document. They explained that the draft combines information from Model 2, Model 4 and the Corinth 1988 bylaws (which were not adopted). Discussion followed which included the need for updated flood plain maps. Tobin mentioned that Corinth has access to flood overlay maps which would be helpful. Smith brought up the May 2013 signing of Act 16 (Flood Resiliency Plan). This is a mandatory requirement for plans adopted after July of 2014 and should be included in the Town Plan. It was recalled that the Corinth Conservation Commission had worked on a Waits River watershed project which may include useful information.

Planning Commission Meetings

The members agreed to continue meeting once a month with additional subcommittee meetings taking place as needed.

Action Items

1. Groschner will call VT DEC to ask if the discharge permit allows discharge directly into waterways anywhere within the state.
2. Groschner will attend a Flood Plain Management meeting Monday, Sept. 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the Corinth Town Hall.
3. Groschner will ask the Selectboard to set a Flood Hazard Permit fee. (Suggest a fee of \$15).
4. Groschner will sign and send the Ward MOMA to Buonanduci (PDF).
5. Groschner will notify Bruce O'Meara that the date of his review was changed to 10/2/13.
6. Groschner will clarify permit process with Ms. Lyons, Town Clerk and Zoning Administrator.
7. Groschner will email Karen Galayda to see if she has access to flood plain overlay maps.
8. Groschner will check cites in section 1.1 of Flood Plain Regulations Draft.
9. Groschner and Buonanduci will work on the revisions to the Flood Hazard Area Permit Application.
10. Tobin will look into the Bradford Zoning Bylaws Draft and attend a meeting in Bradford on Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m.
11. Tobin, Kelley and Pazdro will meet Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to review the Regional Planning Commission's comments and the proposed Flood Hazard Regulations and propose a modification in the Corinth Town Plan.
12. Kelley will contact Two Rivers to inquire what they have for flood maps for Corinth.
13. All Members will read the Flood Plain Regulations Draft making margin notes throughout. (Most recent version was emailed to you on Sept. 4)

Kelley moved to adjourn. Tobin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.